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YAE-ANDRÉ MISCHKE PRIZE 2019 WINNER: JANUSZ BUJNICKI



Prof. Bujnicki is working in biology, with a focus on bioinformatics, structural biology and synthetic biology, and is head of a research group in the International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (IIMCB) in Warsaw and at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland. For his successes in research, he has received numerous awards, prizes, fellowships, and grants including EMBO/HHMI Young Investigator Programme award, ERC Starting Grant, award of the Polish Ministry of Science and award of the Polish Prime Minister, and was decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta by the President of the Republic of Poland. In 2016, he was elected to the Polish Academy of Sciences and is currently the youngest member of the Academy. Bujnicki has been involved in various scientific organizations and bodies active in the area of science and policy, both in Poland (the Polish Young Academy, civic movement Citizens of Science, the Scientific Policy Committee, the Council of the National Science Congress, and the Science Evaluation Committee) and abroad (primarily the Life, Environmental and Geo Sciences (LEGS) panel of the Science Europe organization). He is currently serving a second term in the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA) within the Scientific Advice Mechanism for the European Commission. As an extension of his activities in the GCSA, he is actively involved in representing Poland in the area of the science-for-policy advice as a member of the European Science Advisors Forum. His current efforts focus on establishing a science-for-policy advice system in Poland, with the involvement of the Polish Academy of Sciences (including the Polish Young Academy) and Polish universities.

By awarding the YAE Prize, we recognize his internationally leading roles in academic research, management, and policy making. The YAE will award its third annual prize, the first one honouring our Founding Chair André Mischke, at the joint annual AE/YAE meeting in Barcelona on October 24.